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PASS GENERAL CLIFTON FOR THE

PRESIDENT

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--30 DECEMBER 1961

1. DE GAULLE REMAINS DETERMINED TO ACCELERATE DISENGAGEMENT IN ALGERIA:

A. WHILE HIS SPEECH WILL PROBABLY FACILITATE PROGRESS IN THE FRENCH-ALGERIAN TALKS NOW UNDER WAY, HE IS IN EFFECT ONCE AGAIN GAMBLING ON MILITARY LOYALTY TO HIS REGIME. EVEN HIS WITHDRAWAL OF ONLY TWO DIVISIONS FROM ALGERIA A FEW MONTHS AGO WAS OPPOSED BY HIS KEY MILITARY ADVISERS.

C. SECURITY PRECAUTIONS CONTINUE AGAINST EXPECTED LAST-DITCH EXTREMIST EFFORTS TO BLOCK AN ALGERIAN ACCORD.

2. CONGO:

A. ADOULA, STILL KEEPING HIS EYE ON THE MAIN TARGET-T MFE, IS ALSO MOVING AGAINST OTHER SEPARATIST LEADERS. THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAS DIVESTED SOUTH KASAI'S "KING" KALONJI OF HIS DEPUTY IMMUNITY AND VOTED CENSURE OF GIZENGA, WHO WILL PROBABLY BE DROPPED

4. VIETNAM:

A. IN ANOTHER MOVE IN ITS CAMPAIGN TO STIR UP INTERNATIONAL CONCERN OVER OUR AID TO SAIGON HANOI HAS ASKED THE UK AND USSR AS CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE 1954 GENEVA CONFERENCE TO RECOMMEND WITHDRAWAL OF US PERSONNEL AND SUPPLIES FROM SOUTH VIETNAM. THEY LABEL OUR PROGRAM "DIRECT AGGRESSION." IN THE PAST, MOSCOW HAS GIVEN ONLY PERFUNCTORY DIPLOMATIC ATTENTION TO SUCH PROTESTS FROM HANOI.

B. INCIDENTS INITIATED BY THE VIET CONG IN SOUTH VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD 19-25 DECEMBER TOTALED 455, THE HIGHEST FIGURE SINCE THE SECOND WEEK IN NOVEMBER. THE FIELD COMMENTS THAT THE INCREASE "IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE MORE THAN NORMAL FLUCTUATION."

5. NOTES:

A. SOUVANNA HAS ALSO RETURNED TO XIENG KHOUANG FROM VIETIANE. HE AND HIS BROTHER STILL SAY THEY WILL TALK IF BOUN OUM IS WILLING.

B. CHILE'S CURRENT FOREIGN EXCHANGE CRISIS THREATENS AN IMMINENT DEVALUATION AND POSSIBLE COLLAPSE OF PRESIDENT ALLESSANDRI'S ECONOMIC PROGRAM.

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GROUP OF MILITARY OFFICERS

9B ENGAGED IN COUP PLANNING--IS HOLDING FREQUENT MEETINGS APPARENTLY
CONCERNED WITH COUP PREPARATIONS, INCLUDING THE DRAFTING OF
A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR THE COUNTRY.

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